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SUBJECT: IZMIR USIS LIBRARY DAMAGED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

1. BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN WIDELY SCATTERED AREAS OF IZMIR IN EARLY HOURS OF FEB. 18 DAMAGED THE USIS LIBRARY, AND REPORTEDLY A BANK, AND RESIDENCES OF TWO TURKISH MILITARY OFFICERS, (ONE A RETIRED GENERAL).
2. TIMED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT USIS LIBRARY APPARENTLY LEFT IN PAMPHLET BOX ON BOOK SHELVES PRIOR TO CLOSING. EXPLOSION AT 0045 HRS IN INTERIOR CORNER MOST REMOTE FROM CIRCULATION

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DESK DESTROYED ONLY ONE RACK OF SHELVES, THREE BOOKS AND TWO PAMPHLETS. BLAST HOWEVER BROKE OUT 50 PERCENT OF EXTERIOR GLASS - ROUGHLY 600 SQUARE FEET.

3. PARTS OF WATCH TIMING DEVICE RECOVERED BUT BULK OF BOMB WAS APPARENTLY HIGH EXPLOSIVE COMPOUND AND QUITE SMALL. AS IT ESCAPED DETECTION DURING ROUTINE VISUAL CHECK OF SHELVES AND PAMPHLET BOXES UPON CLOSING OF LIBRARY AT THE END OF THE
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4. WE HAVE REACHED NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS ON THE POSSIBLE MOTIVATION FOR INCLUSION OF THE LIBRARY IN LAST NIGHTS SEQUENCE OF ATTACKS, BUT SUSPECT IT WAS CHOSEN AS A CONVENIENT TARGET AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT IN A GENERAL SENSE, AS PART OF THE CURRENT NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN OF BOMBINGS BY EXTREMIST GROUPS.

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